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Ms. Nita Fuller Assistant Regional Director of Refuges and Wildlife Region 3 Federal Building Fort Snelling Twin Cities, MN 55111

Dear Ms. Fuller:

A summary of the 1983-2002 gypsy moth trapping program at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is enclosed for your information (Table 1). A map showing the trap locations is also enclosed (Figure 1). The purpose of the trapping program is to monitor low-level gypsy moth populations and help determine when more intensive survey methods should be employed.

Trap catches at Ottawa NWR averaged 13 moths per trap in 2002. This is an increase from 10 moths per trap in 2001. Based on the results, gypsy moth populations will not have an impact on the forest resources in the immediate future at Ottawa NWR.

It is important for Ottawa NWR personnel to continue looking for other gypsy moth life stages such as larvae, pupae and/or egg masses while performing their normal duties.

We would like to continue the trapping program at the same intensity in 2003. Thank you for your continued cooperation and if you have any questions regarding these results, please call Karen Felton at (304) 285-1556.

Sincerely,

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Table 1. – Summary of the 1983-2002 gypsy moth trapping results Region 3, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service.

Year	Number	Total moths	Positive catch trap number
	of traps	caught	_
1983	5	0	
1984	10	0	
1985			Traps not deployed
1986	10	11	1, 3, 4, 5
1987	7	3	3, 4, 7
1988	7	8	1, 2, 5, 7
1989	7	36	All except 2, 4
1990	7	28	All
1991	7	15	All
1992	7	19	All
1993	7	43	All
1994	7	28	All
1995	5	60	All
1996			Not deployed due to staff changes
1997	3	42	1, 6, 7
1998	7	77	All
1999	7	119	All
2000	7	64	All
2001	7	69	All
2002	7	90	All

